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Dear Harold,

Lane was out here from Sunday afternoon to Thursday afternoon and didn't do very much to justify his existence. I am generally on good terms with Mark but was pretty disgusted by the time he left. He never called me and it was# all I could do to get together with him. As it turned out, I ran after him for a full day and ended up discussing some things while he waited for his plane in the presence of a Babe from the local department store who was ferrying him around. As usual, he was just about useless. WLOL talked him into spending 6 hrs. rather than the 2 he was supposed to spend, and he autographed books for a total of 3 hrs, and appeared on a total of 10 to 20 minutes more of TV than you did. Not much work for all that time, and he didn't even have the dourtesy to offer me a copy of his book. The stuff he has on the telex message from Hoover prior to the assassination is based only on what the guy told him--no proof--I hope that Jim doesn't use it anymore, it could be dangerous. Lane says that Bolden gave only one name which he wasn't sure of--either Gonzales or Garcia with no first name. It's probably accurate as far as Lane goes--he leaves a lot to be desired as an investigator or interviewer.

I took the stuff to Patsy and hope to have prints by Monday or Tues. I recognized him from my speech at the Anoka Library. He heard me on WLOL and drove out to Anoka that night, but had to leave before I finished. He's a great guy and very sincere. I've offered to give a presentation for him and his friends with the slides and tapes. Next in line is to put him to work on sharpening the DCA. Saw Martin again. It will take about a month to get the film copied and I'll send it off when Patsy is through. I want to have the rifle on the DCA sharpened so we can identify it by type. K. says that it's an Argentine mauser. Ruby may be the guy in the foreground examining the rifle. Want also an identification of the cop who behaves so strangely before shooting of Oswald. Patsy is going to make great contributions. Glad you were here and gave him another opportunity to try to get in touch with our side to help. I'm almost impossible to reach. Martin had tried earlier too and had been unsuccessful too.

Now have an insurance investigator, cryptographer, and handwriting expert lending some help. Hope to put the last two to work on Ortiz's dollar bill and the other bills in the ARchives. Also, handwriting expert has new material for me concerning case. Just found girl who recently returned from Mexico who has new info. Will be seeing she and her roommate.

Still working on film for Sprague. Trying to figure out how to get the owner of the DCA footage of the TSBD and assassination which is so dark and therefore useless. Patsy can fix it up and make it clear! This could be a major piece of new evidence. Please think this over and advise strategy--we've got to do our best on this score and may only have one chance and can't afford to blow it. Since those frames were over-exposed, they might be very valuble since they could be quite clear.

Lane seemed to think that the major reason for Jim and the staff giving you trouble recently had to do with your sending Thornley's photo along with a letter on DA's stationary asking to have photo doctored. He said that Lifton saw it and called Kerry and that's all the evidence they have for a lawsuit. By the way, have you seen the interview with Jean Hack which alleges that Kerry said that if Oswald hadn't killed Thornley, he would have. Furthermore, the Archives claims to have no photo of Thornley although he gave the Commission one. They don't have the Powell photo either. No SS interrogation of Geraci either. Nothing on John Martin or Jose Ortiz. They rarely answer my letters anymore, but when they do their replies consist largely of no's. They never even answered my earlier letters or those of my researchers.

Point of information: When you were here you mentioned a CIA front and gave the date of founding and the place (Miami hotel). I think that this was the Friends of Democratic Cuba and the Bolton Ford Co. stuff which you discovered. If you have the time, could you give me this info and its source so I can use it? I have the FBI report but no background on FDC. If it isn't FDC to which you referred, please inform me anyway. Thanks.

I'm getting pressure which is spuring me on since I'm starting to hurt the locals. They cut me off when someone new calls me up, but it hasn't scared any of them off yet. Checking local Birchers and minutemen through new source of info. Hope to attend Christian Crusade's National Convention so as to see Hargis and Penabez re Shreveport meeting. They think I'm one of them so all I need is a haircut.

Enclosed is a letter to the editor from James Hassing, formerly very conservative and pro-establishment. He heard me in the Union the Monday when I gave a warmup for your talk on impulse, and was shaken. I met with him and told him to read a Nation of Sheep and Invisible Govt. After that he heard you and read Whitewash. You can judge the result for yourself.

The people out here are keeping me alive. After my speeches I find that my hosts have been left money for me. People have offered me loans of cars, free medical and dental work, etc. It's tremendous encouragement. Vince told me about the dismal response in Central Park. The Midwest is a strange place. Have a plan to trap the telephone Co. on behalf of myself and McCarthy's people.

Still trying to get inside Springfield. They have the guy who killed Malcolm X according to one source. My Malcolm X man is still missing. Getting info back on death of Jim Murray--many contradictions. Will have a man in Alaska within a month to investigate.

Take care and give my regards to your wife.

Gary